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SKETCHES FOR THE PUBLIC.

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As appears from an article in last night's Government official, signed E., Major Edwards, the Commissioner of Pensions, is not pleased with strictures that have been made in "a paper which has recently sprung into existence in this city."

The Major's dander seems to be up at the idea that any body should dissent from his decision in regard to the land warrants issued to the soldiers who have served in the Mexican war. He goes over the ground at some length, and makes a long quotation from the late law of Congress on the subject. He makes his conduct nearly "as clear as mud!"

Here is the Major's published decision:

"PENSION OFFICE, May 24, 1847.

Sir: In answer to your letter of the 23d instant I have to inform you that no soldier discharged before the expiration of his term of enlistment, on his own application and for his special benefit, is entitled to land or scrip under the 9th section of the act of the 11th February, 1847.

The Secretary of War concurs in opinion with the undersigned on this point.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. L. EDWARDS.

To Gen. R. Jones, Adj. Gen. U. S. A."

These are his words: "NO SOLDIER discharged before the expiration of his term of enlistment, on his own application, and for his special benefit, is entitled to land or scrip under the 9th section of the act, &c." He makes no reservation whatever for the wounded and the sick!

Now, what says the law which he quotes, but which he made no reference to in his Official Order of the twenty-fourth ultimo, except to declare that no Soldier who serves out any thing less than his whole time and gets his discharge on account of wounds or sickness, is entitled to land or scrip?

That law expressly says "that each non-commissioned officer, musician, or private, enlisted or to be enlisted in the regular army, or regularly mustered in any volunteer company, for a period of not less than 12 months," "who shall have been discharged before the expiration of his term of service in consequence of wounds received or sickness incurred in the course of such service, shall be entitled to receive a certificate of warrant from the War Department for the quantity of one hundred and sixty acres," &c. of land, and "shall be allowed the option to receive such certificate or warrant or a treasury scrip for one hundred dollars."

"No, he shan't," cries Mr. Commissioner Edwards; he shall be entitled to neither the one nor the other—wounds or no wounds, sick or not sick! Unless he has served his full time out, to a day, he need not trouble or send to the War Department for land warrant or Treasury scrip, though he may have served eleven months and twenty-eight days, and lost half or all of his limbs in battle!

Such is the reading of the Commissioner's Official Order, as any body may see. And yet he, or "E." who writes for him, plumply denies that he ever so decided! Nor does he stop here, but says he does not hesitate to state that the remark upon which the comments are utterly groundless, and most probably maliciously false!

Excellent! Art thou in health, dear Commissioner? The writer your shafts are aimed at has never bought scrip or warrant, and is in no shape or sense interested in the matter, except to imbibe a natural feeling that the hard-fighting and hard-faring soldier shall not be put to too much trouble and expense, or be too much imposed on by Government officials!

Now if Mr. Commissioner Edwards does not mean to have his official decision understood as it reads, he has only to alter it to suit his more matured views, and then publish it as altered under his own sign manual, so that the public may understand the matter properly.

Anecdote of a Locofoco Member of Congress.—We see that Mr. Pettit, [says the Louisville Journal], the member of Congress from Indiana, who, at the commencement of each session, makes an infidel speech upon the floor of the House of Representatives against employing a chaplain, is a candidate for re-election. This being the case, we feel called on to make a statement in regard to this miscreant, which we received from a gentleman of the first respectability, who was an eye and ear-witness of the occurrences to which the statement refers. The facts are so monstrous as to seem almost incredible, but still they are facts.

In the summer of 1846, Pettit was travelling on board a steamboat on the Ohio, in company with his wife and one or more children. One night he was engaged, as usual, at the card-table, and displaying, as usual, his vulgar and offensive characteristics, drinking "cocktail" after "cocktail" in rapid succession, and swearing like any other blackguard, when he received a message from his wife informing him that one of their children was very sick, and asking him to come into the ladies' cabin. He paid no attention to the message, and it was in a few minutes repeated, with a representation from his wife that their child was dying. Even then he would not leave the card-table, but despatched the messenger with oaths, and with the rudest abuse of the female sex. Those who played with him at cards, happening to be gentlemen, immediately left the table, and the brute then took a seat at a table with blacklegs, where he continued playing cards for some time. At length, the child growing worse and worse, [it had convulsions,] and the card party being broken up, he went into the cabin; but, although he found his child in the most alarming condition, and his wife in a state bordering on distraction; the drunken wretch, paying no attention to either, went into his state-room and soon fell asleep; whilst utter

strangers, impelled by the common feelings of humanity, sat up all night to watch over the child, and soothe the agonized mother!!!

Citizens of Indiana, this is a true picture of a wretch who asks you to select him to represent you in Congress. His antipathy to chaplains is not to be wondered at. He is past praying for.

The Dorset Farmer.—Against the nominee, says the Cambridge Chronicle, not a word of objection can be uttered. With a judgment refined and matured by long experience in the councils of the State—a moral character pure and unsullied—an open, generous, and benevolent heart, he unites in himself the admiration of his friends, and the respect of his political opponents. There is nothing in his character, nothing in his history, upon which the veriest slave of fiction can fix to injure him in the estimation of his fellow citizens. His life presents a series of acts of kind benevolence to the poor, generous hospitality to his friends, and ardent devotion to the welfare of the State.

James McDowell, Democratic M. C. from Virginia, and brother in law of Mr. Benton, is making a great fuss in the papers over his charity in sending fifty dollars to Ireland. He voted against the government's granting half a million to the starving Irish.

Gid Pillows' return to Nashville, says the Louisville Journal, was anything but pleasant. His reception was the coldest and most mortifying that could be imagined.

A man, named Yates, killed himself in Claksville, Tennessee, on the 9th inst. by taking arsenic, because of the conduct of who robbed a grocery store.

The Washington Union is too quick on the trigger in trying to make it appear that the signers of the paper against Gid Pillow are all "Mexican Whigs." A majority of them are "Mexican Democrats." Look out, old fellow, how you crack the heads of friends!

The Cincinnati Atlas of the 16th instant, tells the following horrid story:

We heard yesterday afternoon of an occurrence in the vicinity of Xenia, which we can scarcely credit—so inhumanly monstrous are the details.

A farm house, near Xenia, was entered by two men on Friday last, and making a noise, the farmer, who, with his wife and child were up stairs, met the scoundrels and endeavored to get them out of the house: but they set upon him and murdered him! The wife of the farmer escaped from the upper window, leaving the child in bed, and her husband struggling with death below, and hid herself in an outhouse on the premises. In this situation she remained for nearly an hour, during which time she heard the shriek of her child, but terror had overcome all her better feelings. At length the cars came whirling on—they stopped in front of the house—the two men got on—and whirling on they went again. She was unable to give the alarm, and it was many minutes, after the departure of the thieves, before she ventured into the house. The spectacle which met her eye was terrible! A murdered husband, cold in bloody death; her child, which had come down stairs, gagged and burned, from having rattled against a hot stove—drawers broken open, and everything valuable, watch, money, &c., taken. The woman summoned up courage—gave the alarm—a car was despatched for the murderers. There were recognised and captured.

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It is proposed to make this a regular Line throughout the season, provided sufficient encouragement is given.

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THIS establishment, so favorably known for the curative qualities of its water and the elegance and comfort of its accommodation, will be opened for the reception of visitors on the 1st June. It is situated 50 miles from Alexandria, 35 miles from Fredericksburg, and 20 miles east of the Blue Ridge, in one of the most healthy and delightful climates of Virginia. The direction and management will be the same as heretofore, and the same attention paid to the accommodation and comfort of their guests. We have an abundant supply of ice.

The season, commencing the 1st of June, will end the 1st of October, embracing 4 months.

Lovers of music will find the band unsurpassed. Board: \$10 per week, \$9 per week for 2 weeks, \$30 per month, \$80 for the season.

For more than one day \$1 50 per day, 50 cents for a single meal, 25 cents for lodging, children under 12 years of age, and servants, half price; horses 50 cents per day, per week \$2 50, per month \$8.

Tri-weekly stages will run from Washington until 1st of July, after that time daily. There will be a line of stages from Fredericksburg after the 1st of July, previous to which conveyances will be furnished on accommodating terms.

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WORTHINGTON G. SNETHEN, Attorney and Counsellor at LAW.

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" Bureaus, Sideboards, &c.
" and gilt Frames, Looking-glasses
Wardrobes, Bedsteads, Cribs, Cradles
Shuck, hair and straw Mattresses
Feather Beds, Sacking Bottoms, &c.
Also,
Glass, china, stone, earthen, and iron Ware
Knives and Forks, Brushes, and Wooden Ware

With numerous other articles in the House-keeping line too numerous to mention.

He is prepared to manufacture all kinds of Furniture at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms. He flatters himself that from his long experience in the cabinet business, all work made by him will be done in a faithful and workmanlike manner, and give entire satisfaction.

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56 bags Java, Rio, Laguyra, Maricao, and African COFFEE

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10 cases very choice Tea, 12 lbs in each, for families

1500 pounds double refined and 2d quality Loaf Sugar

1500 pounds crushed and pulverized Loaf Sugar

1000 do white Havana do

1000 do brown do do

Porto Rico and New Orleans do

Do do and St Croix Molasses

Sugar-house and New Iberia Sirup

Ground and unground Spices, of every variety

Catsups, Curry Powder, French and other Mustards

Olives, Capers, Sardines, and Anchovies

Salt Oils, in flasks and bottles

700 gallons winter-strained and common Oil.

FRUITS.

60 whole, half, and q. boxes Raisins

2 cases Currants

4 bbls. Dried Apples

20 do Green do

2 cases Prunes, in jars and fancy boxes

30 drums Smyrna Figs

26 bbls Eastern Cranberries

*00 pounds soft shelled Almonds

150 do do do

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

28 tubs choice Welsh Butter

30 boxes superior Cheese

Sapago do

31 bbls pink-eye Potatoes

40 do extra brand New York Flour

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40 do Virginia do

50 pockets Buckwheat

12 boxes do

23 bbls half and q. do.

FISH.

Nackerel, Cod, Shad, and Herring.

CANDLES.

20 boxes Sperm Candles.

10 do patent do

10 do Adamantine do

Brooms, Mats, Pails, Baskets, &c.

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Terms: \$9 for the first week, \$8 thereafter; \$1 50 per day.

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At 8 and 11 A. M. At 9 P. M. and 12.
2 30, 5 20, P. M. 3 1-2, 5 6, P. M.

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F. BLANCHARD.

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The steam ships for this service are now being built, and early next year due notice will be given of the time when they will start. Under the new contract the steamers will sail every Saturday during eight months, and every fortnight during the other four months in the year, going alternately between Liverpool and Halifax and Boston, and between Liverpool and New York.

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